

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A display device, comprising:
a display; and
an actuator layer arranged on an outwardly facing side of the display and including (a) a material having a reversibly and controllably changeable volume and (b) an operating surface geometry deformable as a function of a control signal generated by at least one of (a) a computation device and (b) a logic circuit;
wherein the display is configured to display information relevant to operation of a motor vehicle.

Claims 2 to 5. (Canceled).

6. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the actuator layer is transparent.

7. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the control signal includes an optical signal.

8. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the control signal includes light.

9. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the control signal includes an electrical field.

10. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the control signal includes an electromagnetic field.

11. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the actuator layer is statically deformable at least for a duration of the control signal.

12. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the display is configured to receive entry of user input.

13. (Original) The display device according to claim 12, wherein an area of the actuator layer is configured to receive the entry of the user input.

14. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the actuator layer includes a sol-gel.

15. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the actuator layer is controllable by haptic feedback.

16. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the actuator layer is deformable by pressure with a force that exceeds a limiting value.

17. (Original) The display device according to claim 12, further comprising a computation device configured to deform the actuator layer in accordance with the control signal at a point of contact of the actuator layer touched by the user.

18. (Original) The display device according to claim 17, wherein the computation device is configured to deform the actuator layer at the point of contact only in response to an input via the display by the user by touch at the point of contact.

19. (Original) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the actuator layer is configured to produce an operating element.

20. (Currently Amended) A steering wheel, comprising:
a display device arranged on the steering wheel, the display device including a display and an actuator layer arranged on an outwardly facing side of the display, the actuator layer including (a) a material having a reversibly and controllably changeable volume and (b) an operating surface geometry deformable as a function of a control signal generated by at least one of (a) a computation device and (b) a logic circuit.

21. (Currently Amended) A passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a display device arranged within the passenger compartment, the display device including a display and an actuator layer arranged on an outwardly facing side of the display, the actuator layer including (a) a material having a reversibly and controllably changeable volume and (b) an operating surface geometry deformable as a function of a control signal generated by at least one of (a) a computation device and (b) a logic circuit.

22. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle, comprising:

a display device arranged within the motor vehicle, the display device including a display and an actuator layer arranged on an outwardly facing side of the display, the actuator layer including (a) a material having a reversibly and controllably changeable volume and (b) an operating surface geometry deformable as a function of a control signal generated by at least one of (a) a computation device and (b) a control circuit.

23. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the operating surface geometry is deformable in response to the control signal.

24. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, further comprising the computation device configured to generate the control signal, the operative surface geometry deformable in response to the control signal generated by the computation device.

25. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the operating surface geometry is deformable in response to an electronic control signal.

Claim 26. (Canceled).